The Humble Desires

OF THE

Commissioners in Scotland,

To the

KINGS

Most Excellent Majestie.

With their hearty requests to unite the King and Parliament.

As also,

The NAMES of the said Commissioners.

WITH

An Order of the House of Commons, testifying their loving acceptance, and thankfulnesse for their brotherly care of the Publique welfare.

Hen. Elsyng Cler. D. Com.

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To the

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Moſt Excellent Majeſtie.

The Humble Deſires

OF THE

Commiſsioners in Scotland.

WEe Your Majeſties humble and faithfull Subjects, Conſidering that the mutuall relation betwixt Your Majeſties Kingdome of *SCOTLAND* and *ENGLAND*, is ſuch, as they muſt ſtand or fall together, and the diſturbances of the one, muſt needs diſquiet and diſtemper the Peace of the other, as hath beene often acknowledged by them both: And

eſpecially in the late Treatie which is ratified in Parliament, and confirmed by the publicke Faith of the Eſtates of Your Majeſties Ancient and Native Kingdome of *Scotland*, So that they are bound to maintaine the Peace and Liberties of one another, being highly concerned therein, as the aſſured meanes of the ſafety and preſervation of your own: And finding our ſelves warranted and obliged by all meanes to labour to keepe a right underſtanding betweene Your Majeſtie and Your People, to confirme that Brotherly affection begun betwixt the two Nations, to advance their Unitie by all ſuch waves as may tend to the glory of God, and the peace of the Church and ſtate of both Kingdomes. And likewiſe to proffer our ſervice for removing all Jealouſies and miſtakings which may ariſe betwixt Your Majeſtie and this Kingdome, and our beſt indeavours for the better eſtabliſhment of the Affaires and quiet of the ſame: That both Your Majeſties Kingdomes of *Scotland* and *England* may be United in the enjoying of the Liberties and Peace under Your Majeſties Scepter, which is the moſt aſſured foundation of Your Majeſties Honour and Greatneſſe, and of the ſecurity of Your Royall Perſon, Crowne, and Dignitie: We have taken the boldneſſe to ſhew Your Majeſtie, that We are heartily ſorry and greiv'd to behold theſe Diſtractions, which encreaſe dayly betwixt Your Majeſtie and Your People, And which we conceive are entertain'd by the wicked Plots and Practiſes of Papiſts, Prelates, and their adherents, whoſe aime in all theſe Troubles, hath been not onely to prevent all

further

further Reformation, but alſo to ſubvert the purity and truth of Religion within all Your Majeſties Kingdomes; For which end, their conſtant endeavours have beene to ſtirre up deviſion between Your Majeſtie and Your People, by the queſtioning the Authority of Parliaments, and the lawfull Liberties of the Subjects, and really weakning Your Majeſties Power and Authority Royall, upon pretence of defending the ſame. Whereof, by Gods providence, being diſappoinred in Your Majeſties Kingdome of *Scotland*, rhey have now converted their miſchievous counſels, conſpiracies, and attempts to produce theſe diſtempers in Your Majeſties Kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland*. And rherefore according to our duty to Your Majeſty, to teſtifie our brotherly affection to theſe Kingdomes, and to quit our ſelves of the truſt impoſed on us, We do make offer of our humble endeavours for compoſing theſe differences. And to that purpoſe do beſeech Your Majeſty in theſe extremities, to have recourſe to the ſound and faithfull advice of the Honourable Houſes of Parliament. And to repoſe thereupon, as the onely aſſured and happy means to eſtabliſh the proſperity and quiet of this Kingdome. And in the depth of Your Royall Wiſedome to conſider and prevent theſe apprehenſions of fear, which may poſſeſſe the hearts of Your Majeſties Subjects in Your other Kingdomes, if they ſhall conceive the authority of Parliaments, and the Rights and Liberties of the Subject to be here called ih queſtion: And we are confident, if Your Majeſty ſhall be gratiouſly pleaſed to take in good part, and give ear to theſe our faithfull and humble deſires,

that the ſucceſs of Your Majeſties affaires, howſoever now perplexed, ſhall be happy to Your Majeſty, and joyfull to all Your People: over whom that Your Majeſty may long and proſperouſly raigne, is the conſtant and fervent prayer of us,

Your Majeſties faithfull Subjects

and Servants;

Earle *Lothian.*
Earle *Lindeſay.*
Lord *Balmerino.*

Sir *Thomas Morton.*
Sir *Thomas Hope.*
Sir *Archibald Johnſton*

Burgeſſes.

Sir *John Smith.*
Maſter *Robert Barklay.*
Maſter *Patrick Bell.*

THe Houſe of Commons having conſidered, both that Paper given in to them from the Scottiſh Commiſſioners upon Saturday laſt, as likewiſe their advice lately given to His Majeſty, by occaſion of theſe preſent troubles, which at the entreaty of the ſaid Houſe, they have communicated to them, and finding therein a large teſtimony of fidelity to the King, of affection to the State, and of wiſedome for the honour, ſecurity, and peace of His Majeſty, and both Kingdoms, doth hereby declare that they have herein done that which is not onely very acceptable to this Houſe, but likewiſe that which is of great advantage to both Nations. And therefore have ordered, That Sir *Philip Stapleton*, M. *Hampden*, M. *Fynes*, M. *Pym*, M. *Arthur Goodwin*, M. *Long*, Sir *Henry Vane* Junior, or any three of them, ſhall return them very hearty and affectionate thanks in the name of this Houſe. And this Houſe doth further deſire them, That according to their affections already expreſſed, they will continue their care and endeavours to remove the preſent diſtractions amongſt us, as alſo to preſerve and confirm the Union between the two Nations ſo happily begun.

Hen. Elſing, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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